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Region X Conference

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

JULY 2012

Chairperson Report



Several weeks ago, I had the opportunity to visit one of Region X's VPP sites participating in their OSHA Star recertification audit. This experience reinforced my belief that Region X has the best workforce in our country. It was a fabulous experience getting to know the employees, all safety leaders in their industry, which are working at Clearwater Paper Products in Lewiston, ID.

The Region X Board of Directors and Conference Planning Committee will be meeting in the near future to start planning the 2013 Region X Conference. We will be reviewing all the workshop evaluation forms as well as

all of the conference evaluations as we make those plans for next year. The 2013 Region X Conference will be in Spokane, WA, when we will be returning to the Historical Davenport Hotel. The dates are May 21-23, 2013.

Once again this summer; it has been driven home to me, that we are all safety leaders. People look at each of us every day to be leading by example. Whether it is at work, home, in our civic activities, or religious gatherings, someone is always watching. We have the opportunity to change lives, and even save lives, just by practicing the safe behaviors that we have learned as part of the VPP culture. As my mother told me many times when I was growing up, "you have to practice what you preach, otherwise it is just words". Making that conscious effort to make the safe choices can be hard sometimes,

but when you approach safe decisions knowing that someone is watching what you do, it is much easier. We should always that a big part of a true VPP culture is 'Actively Caring for my safety and the safety of those around me'. This statement holds true in all facets of our lives. Safety 24/7 is a value we can all live with.

The National VPPPA Conference is just a few weeks away. Please take a minute and visit the Region X table at the Sunday Night Chapter Reception as well as our booth on Region Row in the exhibit hall. We will also be having our Region X Breakout on Monday afternoon, with the Region X get together on Monday evening after the opening of the exhibit hall.

Please be safe and we will see you in Anaheim.

Trumpet player Gordy Denman

Attendees stood at attention as Gordy Denman plays the National Anthem to open the 18th Annual Region X VPPPA Conference. Denman is a Union Safety Representative for Safeguards and Security at the Hanford site in Richland WA.



Keynote Speaker



Jeff Carlson of Conoco Phillips Alaska and member of the Region X BOD introduces the

Keynote Speaker Jeff "Odie" Espenship, a former USAF fighter pilot, instructor, air show pilot and current international airline pilot, gave an interactive, entertaining, yet powerful message on getting back to basics in life and leadership. It's the little things that can take an organization from the cellar to stellar. His message in human behaviors has become one of the most sought after by companies worldwide.

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New VPP Manager

Conference attendees said this was one of the best conferences they ever attended



Jacob Ewer is the new VPP/Consultation manager. Mr. Ewer was a Compliance Occupational Safety and Health Officer in the Boise Area Office. He also has experience in VPP Onsite Audits. Jacob is a Certified Industrial Hygienist with a Master of Science Degree in Industrial Health from the University of Michigan.



Meet the 2011-2012 Region X Board of Directors



From left to right: Jeff Carlson, Bonnie Anderson, Ella Iott, Michele Steeler, Jim Chonzena, Terry Schuebert, Jack Griffith, Kemmer Sorrell, and Chris Thursby.

We hope everyone enjoyed the conference. In July we'll start planning and selecting topics for the workshop sessions in preparation for the 2013 conference. It is important that you fill out the conference and workshop session evaluations. This is the data that is used to help select the sessions you would like to see.

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to our conference guest Terry J. Schulte,

Chairperson-VPPPA Region IX Board of Directors for his volunteerism and sharing VPP at our conference



Thank You Region X

Terry's note: I just want to say thank you for a warm welcome and hospitality everyone extended to me during the conference. You have a great group in Region X and run an amazing conference. I was very impressed at the organization of the event and the seamless execution of the conference. I really appreciated everyone sharing with me so we can make improvements in our Region.

Pre-conference workshops

Four pre-conference workshops offered attendees learning opportunities provided by speakers from Federal OSHA, DOSH, Prime contractor employees for the Department of Energy, and private sector business.

- ◆ VPP Application Workshop
- ◆ Leading High Performance Teams
- ◆ Proven Strategies for Improving Safety Committee Effectiveness
- ◆ Staying Young in an Aging Workforce

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Speakers in these sessions provided attendees with many opportunities to improve or enhance their VPP programs. It offered proven methods to reduce accidents and injuries, along with how to get employees involved in their safety and health program. In addition it offered training sessions from entry to advanced levels in VPP.

- ◆ Introduction to VPP
- ◆ Hierarchy of Controls
- ◆ Back Injury Prevention
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management
- ◆ Safety Trained Supervisor (STS) modules 1-5
- ◆ Wellness Programs: Taking Safety from 8/5 to 24/7
- ◆ Employee Involvement
- ◆ Arc Flash for Observers
- ◆ Hearing Loss Prevention and Heat Stress
- ◆ Keys to Effective Leadership
- ◆ Fall Protection
- ◆ Torn Apart
- ◆ Making Safety Work: Benefits of Voluntary Compliance
- ◆ BBS from Zero to 60
- ◆ Labor/Management – Do You Have Issues at Your Site That Need Resolution?
- ◆ Effective Accountability Systems
- ◆ Recognizing, Raising, and Resolving Workplace Issues
- ◆ Building Dynamic Safety Teams: The Engine that Drives a Super-Charged Safety Program
- ◆ Shoulder Injury Prevention
- ◆ Mentoring and Outreach
- ◆ OSHA National Emphasis Programs
- ◆ Nutrition and Wellness in the Workplace



2012 Dignitaries



Bonnie Anderson, Region X VPPPA Chairperson opened the 18th annual conference by introducing the dignitary speakers to the 325 conference attendees.



John Geppert, DOSH



Dean Ikeda, U.S. DOL/OSHA



Mark Brown, DOE, Idaho



Michael Wood, Oregon OSHA



Stacy Thursby, National Board of Directors - Representative from a DOE-VPP Site,

2012 Award Winners

Congratulations to all the award winners.

The Region X Annual Awards recognize VPPPA member sites and individuals that have made exceptional contributions to the mission of the VPPPA during the previous year. These pioneers in safety & health have shared their knowledge with others or developed new techniques to create a safer healthier work environment.

For more information on Annual Awards visit the Region X web page at: regionxvpppa.org



Special Government Employee:

Dr. Richard Zimmerman, Mission Support Alliance, LLC
Richland WA.



Safety & Health Outreach Award:

CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC
Idaho Falls, Idaho



Chapter Chairperson Award:

Ella Iott, Clearwater paper, Lewiston Idaho



Innovation Award:

CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company,
Richland WA.



VPP Outreach Award:

Oregon Sharp Alliance

2012 Service Awards

The Service Awards go to members of the Region X VPPPA Board of Directors and Agency members for their dedication and commitment and sharing the VPP philosophy in Region X.



The Region X VPPPA BOD and Conference planning team wish Steve Gossman the best of luck in his new position. Steve accepted the position of Assistant Regional Administrator/Federal State Operations U. S Department of Labor- OSHA.

Steve was the Consultation Program Manager for five years and VPP Manager for three years, he also served as an advisor to the Region X VPPPA BOD was a member of the Conference Planning Team. He participated in VPP Applications workshops along with presenting key topics at Region X Conferences.



The Region X VPPPA BOD and Conference planning team wish Kemmer Sorrell the best of luck in retirement. Kemmer served 28 years in the oil & gas industry, 21 of those years were with ConocoPhillips at the Kuparuk oil field in Alaska.

In retirement he will be spending time with his family, playing golf, snow-machining, yard work (landscaping) and fishing. In addition he will be sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and ministering to the people throughout the state of Alaska.



The Region X VPPPA BOD and Conference planning team wish Chris Thursby the best of luck as he continues to work for CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company in Richland WA. as a Principle Safety Specialist at the Plutonium Finishing Plant. Chris will continue to serve on National VPPPA committees.

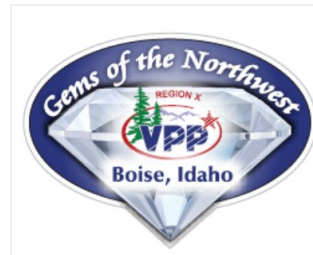
THANK YOU
GOOD LUCK



2012 Election Results

There were four (4), Region X Board of Directors positions on the 2012 ballot. These positions were Chapter Chairperson, Labor Representative from a Site without a Collective Bargaining, and (2) Director-at-Large positions.

There were no candidates submitted or selected from the floor for the position of: Labor Representative from a Site without a Collective Bargaining. The Region X Board of Directors will meet later this year to discuss the process of selecting and filling this position.



CHAPTER CHAIRPERSON:

Bonnie Anderson

Consulting Technical Specialist

CH2M-WG LLC, Idaho Falls, Idaho



DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Jeff Carlson

North Slope HSE Director

ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.



DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Don King

Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council, (HAMTC)

Safety Representative

Washington Closure Hanford, Richland WA.

Registration & Board of Director Activities



2012 Conference Sponsors

The Region X Board of Directors and Conference Planning Team thank our sponsors for their participation and contributions to make the conference a success.

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 Fluor Federal Services, Richland WA
 General Electric
 Monsanto
 Oregon OSHA
 Oregon Sharp Alliance
 US Department of Labor- OSHA
 UniSea, Inc.
 URS
 Weyerhaeuser, longview



Region X Golf



Boise Ranch Golf Course is an 18 hole championship style golf course. Offering a challenging yet fair test of golf for players of all skill levels. With undulating greens, eight lakes and ponds, the 6,611 yard, par 71 layout includes one of the longest par 5's in the state of Idaho.



The 5th Annual Region X Golf Tournament was held at the Boise Ranch Golf Course on May 14th.

Thank You to our Venders

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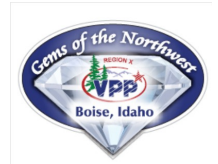
Conference Reception



“Rappin” to the VPP Song

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard &IMF employee William “Bill” Tyler, aka “Diamond Cut” with the help of Region X Board of Directors; Jim Chonzena, Terry Schuebert and Jack Griffith introduced reception-ists to his VPP song.

Custom hand crafted “Red Solo Cup” glasses and jewelry



The theme for the reception “Red Solo Cup” it offered attendees an opportunity to be creative and artistic while networking and meeting new friends.

Kemmer Sorrell selling 50/50 tickets



Anaheim Convention Center



The 28th Annual National VPPPA Conference takes place August 20-23, 2012, at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, CA. The four-day conference offers attendees countless opportunities to network, learn and advance as leaders in occupational safety and health. Features include: two full days of workshops addressing current safety, health and environmental issues; inspiring keynote and general session speakers; the VPPPA Expo 2012 with vendors showcasing their cutting-edge products and services; and evening receptions and other social activities that provide the perfect setting for attendees to network and exchange best practices. VPPPA conference participants represent a wide range of individuals involved in safety and health. Safety and health managers, employee safety team members, industrial hygienists, union representatives, consultants, environmental health specialists, human resource managers and government agency representatives from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

2013 Region X VPPPA Conference



Mark your calendars for May 21-23, 2013 and start planning now to attend the Region X VPPPA Conference. It will again be held at the historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane Washington.

Did you know in 1914 the Davenport was the first hotel with air conditioning, a central vacuum system, housekeeping carts (designed by Louis Davenport himself), accordion ballroom doors and Crab Louis (named for Louis Davenport).

Region X Board of Directors & Conference Planning Team



Thank You

For attending and making this conference a success